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| In re application of: | § | |
| Jeffrey GROSSMAN | § | Customer No. 27683 |
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| Serial No.: 10/604,227 | § | Group Art Unit: 3731 |
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| For: Percutaneous Needle Alignment System | § | Confirmation No.: 1226 |

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Dear Examiner:

Introductory Comments

The present paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 10, 2006. A request for a three-month extension of time is made concurrent with this filing, along with authorization to charge the proscribed fee. No additional fees are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper. However, if any fees are necessary, including extension of time fees, the extension of time is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.